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DEPARTMENT FOR A/SY, AF/EXN AF/C, AND OPR/ST; KINSHASA FOR
RSO; NAIROBI FOR RSS; YAOUNDE FOR RBFO

E.O.11652: GDS
TAGS: ASEC, ABLD, AFIN, AFSP, ASUP, CT
SUBJECT: SECURITY PROPOSALS FOR EMBASSY PROPERT ES AS A RESULT
OF CAE CRIME WAVE

1. CRIME IN BANGUI HAS INNREASED DRAMATICALLY IN THE LAST SEVERAL MONTHS. SINCE LATE NOVEMBER, THREE EMBASSY HOMES (OUT OF TEN) HAVE BEEN BURGLARIZED; THESE HAVE RESULTED IN SIGNIFICANT LOSS OF PERSONAL AND USG PROPERTY. WHILE NO MAJOR DAMAGE HAS BEEN DONE TO USG BUILDINGS, OTHERS HAVE NOT BEEN SO LUCKY; LOCAL BURGLARS ARE USING INCREASINGLY SOPHISTICATED METHODS, INCLUDING BORING THROUGH WALLS AND CEILINGS. OTHER VICTIMS OF THE CRIME WAVE INCLUDE GOVERNMENT MINISTERS AND, IN ONE PARTICULARLY AUDACIOUS INCIDENT, THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR.

2. AS A RESULT OF THIS EPIDEMIC, WE WOULD LIKE TO UPGRADE OUR RESIDENTIAL SECURITY. SPECIFICALLY, WE PROPOSE TO INSTALL DETEX WATCHCLOCKS AND TO PUT DEADBOLT LOCKS ON ALL OUTSIDE DOORS TO EMBASSY RESIDENCES, OFFICES, AND WAREHOUSES. IN ADDITION, WE PROPOSE TO UPGRADE GUARD SERVICE AT ALL OF THE ABOVE LOCATIONS AND TO PROVIDE SPACE DETECTOR BURGLAR ALARMS IN THE CONFIDENTIAL

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RESIDENCES.

3. INFORMATION AT POSTS ABOUT BURGLAR ALARMS IS LIMITED. WE BELIEVE THAT A SONIC ALARM SYSTEM WOULD BEST FIT OUR NEEDS, AND WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHICH SYSTEM(S) IS/ARE RECOMMENDED BY SY.

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4. TWO DETEX WATCHCLOCKS WERE RETURNED TO OPR/ST FOR REPAIR ON MARCH 3, AND WE ARE SENDING THREE MORE THIS WEEK. WE REQUEST THAT REPLACEMENT WATCHCLOCKS (NO. 6645-572-2454, DETEX GUARDSMAN) BE AIRPOUCHED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. IN ADDITION, WE ARE SUBMITTING A PURCHASE ORDER FOR AN ADDITIONAL STATION, SO THAT ALL EMBASSY PROPERTIES WILL BE COVERED.

5. WE DO NOT HAVE FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR ALL OF THESE MEASURES, AND WE WILL SUBMIT AN INCREASE-DECREASE STATEMENT AS SOON AS WE OBTAIN COST ESTIMATES FOR THE ABOVE.

6. BECAUSE OF THE DETERIORATING SECURITY SITUATION, WE WOULD ALSO WELCOME AN EARLY VISIT BY THE RSO TO CHECK ALL RESIDENCES AND MAKE SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS FOR INCREASING PHYSICAL SECURITY.
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